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SUBJ: EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2,400 AGGREGATE (SALT TWO-743)

REFS: (A) STATE 170798; (B) SALT TWO-739; (C) SALT TWO-740

1. RE PARA 2 REFTL A, WASHINGTON WILL SEE THAT I TODAY DEVELOPED ISSUE OF DATE ON WHICH 2,400 AGGREGATE WILL BE EFFECTIVE BY STRONG STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF OUR VIEW BOTH SIDES SHOULD BE AT THIS LEVEL BY OCTOBER 3. BECAUSE OF AT LEAST THEORATICAL POSSIBILITY OUR MIRV LEVEL COULD BE ABOVE 1,320 BY THAT DATE, I FRAMED STATEMENT IN TERMS OF RESPONSIBILITY BY BOTH PARTIES FOR BOTH 2,400 AND 1,320 LIMITATIONS, ENDING STATEMENT WITH INVITATION TO SOVIETS TO GIVE RATIONALE FOR THEIR POSITION.

2. UNLESS THERE ARE CONTRARY REASONS OF WHICH I AM NOT AWARE, AFTER TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION SOVIET RESPONSE TO MY STATEMENT, I PLAN TO SEEK TO MOVE NEGOTIATIONS TOWARD OBTAINING SOV AGREEMENT THAT, AT MINIMUM, EXCESS OF STRATEGIC DELIVERY VEHICLES WILL BE PLACED BY SOME POSITIVE ACTION BY OCTOBER 3, 1977, IN A CONDITION PRECLUDING OPERATIONAL USE, WITH COMPLETION OF

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DISMANTLING OR DESTRUCTION TO BE CARRIED OUT WITHIN AN AGREED

PERIOD OF TIME (A FEW MONTHS) AFTER OCTOBER 3, 1977. SUCH DESTRUCTION OR DISMANTLING WOULD BE DONE UNDER SCC PROCEDURES TO BE AGREED PRIOR TO OCTOBER 3, 1977. I HAVE IN MIND TO SEEK AGREEMENT TO PLACING EXCESS SYSTEMS IN SUCH NON-OPERATIONAL CONDITION AS WOULD BE VERIFIABLE BY NTM, SUCH AS REMOVING MISSILE, DISMANTLING SILO DOOR AND REMOVING THEM FROM LAUNCH SITE OR VISIBLE REMOVAL OF SLBM FROM SUBMARINE WITH SOME PROCEDURE THAT WOULD PRECLUDE RAPID REINSTALLATIONS, REMOVING OF WINGS FROM A BOMBER, ETC.

3. IN CARRYING OUT THE FOREGOING I PROPOSE TO POINT UP THE USEFUL EFFECTS THAT AGREEMENT ON INFORMATION EXCHANGE AND PRIOR NOTIFICATION COULD HAVE IN ESTABLISHING CONFIDENCE AND LAUNCHING THE NEW AGREEMENT UNDER BEST POSSIBLE CONDITIONS.
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